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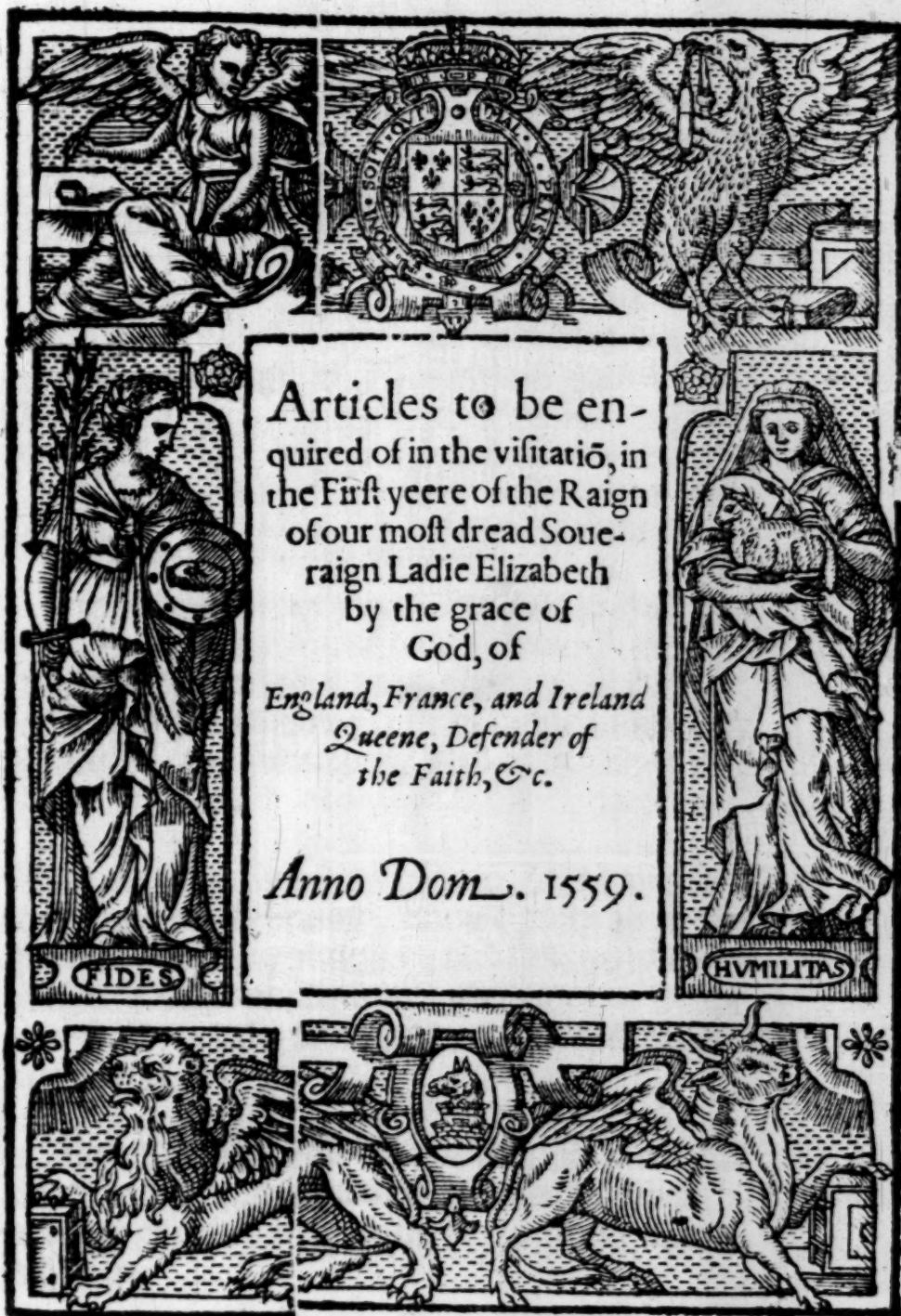
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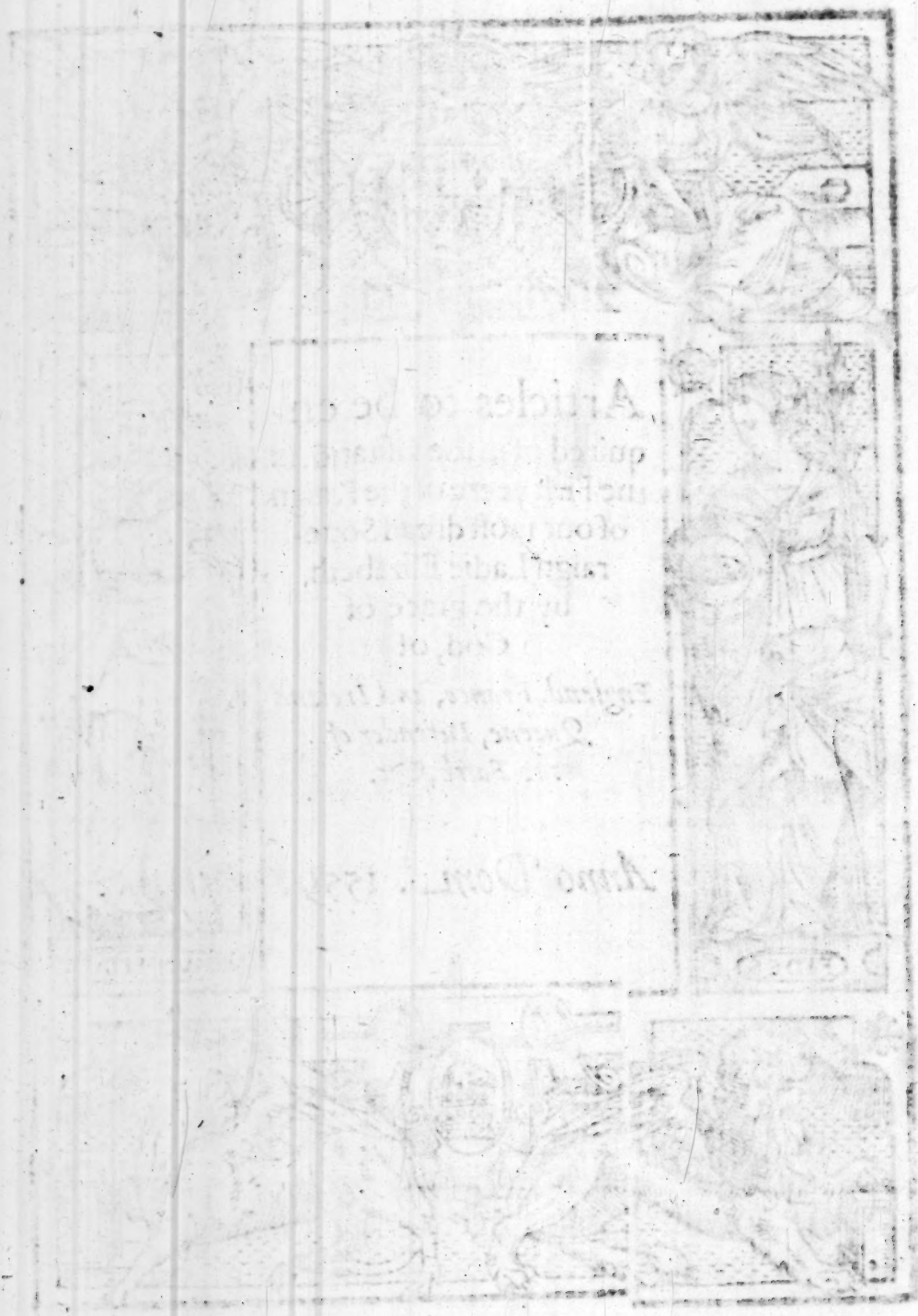
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the First yeere of the Raighn
of our most dread Soue-
raign Ladie Elizabeth
by the grace of
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*England, France, and Ireland
Queene, Defender of
the Faith, &c.*

Anno Dom. 1559.

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ny Parson, Vi-
car, or Curate,
be resident con-
tinually vppon
his Benefice, &
doing his duty
in preaching,
reading, & du-
lye minystring
the holpe Sa-
craments.

Item, whether in their Churches and Chap-
pels, all Images, shrines, tables, candlestickes,
trindeis, and rolles of war, pictures, paintings,
and all other Monuments of fayned and false
Miracles, Pilgrimages, Idolatrie, and super-
stition be remoued, abolished and destroyed.

Item, whether they doe not euery holy day when
they haue no Sermon, immediately after the
Gospell, openly, plainely, and distinctly recite
to their Parishioners in the Pulpit, the Lords
prayer, the beliefe, and the ten Commandements
in English.

Item, whether they doe charge fathers and
Mothers, Maisters and Gouvernours of youth,
to bring them vp in some vertuous studie and oc-
cupation.

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- 5 **Curates.** Item, whether such Beneficed men, as bee lawfullye absent from their benefices, doe leaue their cures to a rude and vnlearned person, and not to an honest, well learned and expert Curat, which can, and will teache you wholsome doctrine.
- 6 **Reading the scripture.** Item, whether they doe discourage any person from reading of any part of the Byble, either in Latine or English, and doe not rather comfort and exhort euery person to read the same at conuenient times, as the very liuely worde of God, and the speciall food of mang soule.
- 7 **Tauernes and games.** Item, whether Parsons Vicars, Curats, and other ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes or Alehouses, giuing themselves to drinking, ryoting and playing at vnlawfull games, and doe not occupie themselves in the reading or hearing of some parte of holpe scripture, or in some other godly exercise.
- 8 **Preachers.** Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in their Cures, not beeing lawfully licenced therunto, or haue beene licenced accordingly.
- 9 **Superstition.** Item, whether they vse to declare to theyr parishioners, any thing to the extolling or setting forth of vaine and superstitious religion, Pilgrimages, Reliques, or Images, lighting of candles,

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candles, kissing, kneeling, or decking of the same Images.

Item, whether they haue one Booke or Regi- 10
ster kept, wherein they write the day of euerye Register.
Wedding, Chzistning, and Burying.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people 11
to obedience to the Queenes Maiestie and Mi- Obediences
nisters, and to charitie and to loue one another.

Item, whether they haue admonished their 12
Parishioners, that they ought not to presume to The Sacra-
receiue the Sacrament of the bodie and blood of ment,
Christ, befoze they can say perfectlye the Lordes
prayer, the Articles of the faith, and the ten Com-
maundements in English.

Item, whether they be resident vpon their Be- 13
nefices, and kepe hospitality or no. And if they be Hospitallite.
absent & keepe no hospitality, whether they do re-
lieue their Parishioners, & what they giue them.

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, Vi- 14
cars, and Clerks, hauing Churches, Chappels, Reparations
and Mansions, doe keepe their Chauncels, Rec-
tories, Vicarages, and all other houses appertai-
ning to them, in due reparations.

Item, whether they do counsell or mooue their 15
Parishioners, rather to pray in a tongue not kno- Prayer in
wen, then in English, or put their trust in any English.

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Beades.

certaine number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of Beades, or other like.

Defamed
persons.

16 Item, whether they haue receyued any persons to the Communion, being openly known to be out of charitie with their Neighbours, or Defamed with any notozious crime, and not reformed.

Pooze mens
boxe.

17 Item, whether they haue prouided, and haue a strong Chest for the pooze mens Box, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Church, most conuenient.

Testament.

18 Item whether they haue diligently called vpon, exhorted and moued their Parishioners, & especially when they make their Testaments, to giue to the said pooze mens box, and to bestow that vpon the pooze, which they were wont to bestow vpon Pilgrimages, Pardons, trentals, and vpon other like blind deuotions.

Sicke.
Buriall.

19 Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the sicke, or burie the Deade being brought to the Church.

Symonie.

20 Item, whether they haue bought their Benefices, or come to them by fraude, guile, deceit, or simonie.

Adulterers.

21 Item, whether they haue giuen open incitation to their Parishioners, to detect and present
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to their Ordinaries all Adulterers and Fornicators, and such men as haue twoo wiues living within their Parishes.

Item, whether they haue admonished their Parishioners openly, that they shoulde not sell, giue, nor otherwise alienate, any of their Church goods.

22
Church
goods.

Item, whether they, or any of them doe keepe mo Benefices and other Ecclesiasticall promotions then they ought to doe, not hauing sufficient Licences, and dispensations thereunto, and how many they bee, and their names.

23
Many Be-
nefices.

Item, whether they minister the holy Communion any otherwise, then onely after such forme and manner as it is set forth by the common authoritie of the Queenes Maiestie, and the Parliament.

24
Communion

Item, whether you knowe any person within your Parish, or else-where, that is a letter of the word of GOD to be read in English, or sincerely preached in place and times conuenient.

25
Letter of the
word or
preaching.

Item, whether in the time of the Letanie, or any other common prayer, in the time of the sermon or Homilie, and when the Priest readeth the Scriptures to the Parishioners, any person haue departed out of the Church without iust and necessarie cause, or disturbe the

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Goers out of
the Church.

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Minister otherwise.

²⁷
Church money. Item, whether the money comming and ry-
sing of any Cattell, oz other moueable stockes of
the Church, and money giuen and bequeathed
to the finding of Torches, Lights, Tapers oz
Lampes, not paid out of any Lands, haue not
been employed to the poore mens chest.

²⁸
Keepers of
the Church
money. Item, who hath the said stockes and money
in their hands, and what be their names.

²⁹
Contempt of
Priests. Item, whether any vndiscreet person doe vn-
charitably contemne and abuse Priests and Mi-
nisters of the Church.

³⁰
The Kings
Grammer. Item, whether there be any other Grammer
taught in any schoole within this Diocesse, then
that which is set foorth by the authoritie of King
Henrie the Eight.

³¹
The time of
Seruice. Item, whether the seruice of the Church bee
Done at due and conuenient howers.

³²
Talkers in
the Church. Item, whether any haue vled to commune,
iangle, and talke in the Church in the time of the
prayer, reading of the Homilie, preaching, rea-
ding oz declaring of the Scripture.

³³
Heresses. Item, whether any haue wilfully maintayned
and defended any heresies, errours, oz false opi-
nion, contrarie to the faith of Christ & holy scrip-
ture.

Item,

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Item, whether any be common drunkardes, ³⁴
swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. Drunkards.

Item, whether any hath committed adulterie, ³⁵
fornication or incest, or bee common bawdes, or Adulterers.
receiuers of such euill persons, or vehementlye
suspected of any of the pzemisses.

Item, whether any be brawlers, flauderers, ³⁶
chyders, scholders, & sowers of discorde betweene Brawlers.
one person and another.

Item, whether you knowe any that doe vse ³⁷
charmies, sorceries, enchauntments, inuocati- Sorcerers.
ons, circles, witchcrafts, soothsayings, or any like
craftes or imaginations inuented by the De-
uill, and especiall ye in the time of womens tra-
uaile.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpets, and ³⁸
other necessities appertaining to the same, bee Pulpets.
sufficiently repayred, and if they be not, in whose
Default the same is.

Item, whether you knowe any, that in con- ³⁹
tempt of their owne Parish Church doe resort to Resorters to
other Churches.
any other Church.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehouse ⁴⁰
keepers, doe vse commonlie to sell meate & drinke Inholders.
in the time of common prayer, preaching, reading
of the Homilies, or Scripture.

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- 41** **Diuorce.** Item, whether you knowe any to be married within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, or that be seperated or diuorced without the degrees prohibited by the Law of God, and whether any such haue married againe.
- 42** **Prinie contracts.** Item, whether you know any to haue made prinie contracts of Matrimonie, not calling two or mo witnessles thereunto, nor hauing thereto the consent of their Parents.
- 43** **Banes.** Item, whether they haue married solemnly, the Banes not being first lawfully asked.
- 44** **Executors.** Item, whether you know any Executors, or Administrators of Dead mens goods, which doe not only bestowe such of the said goods as were giuen and bequeathed, or appointed to be distributed among the pooze people, repaying of high waies, finding of pooze Schollers, or marrying of pooze Maydens, or such other like charitable Deedes.
- 45** **Images.** Item, whether you know any that keepe in their houses any vndefaced Images, Tables, Pictures, Paintings, or other Monuments of fayned and false miracles, Pilgrimages, Idolatrie and Superstition, and doe adore them, and speciallie such as haue been set vp in Churches, Chappels, and Oratories.
- 46** **Bookes.** Item, what Bookes of holy Scripture you haue

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haue deliuered to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed, and to whome ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what bribes the Accusers, Promoters, ⁴⁷
Persecutors, ecclesiasticall Judges, and other ^{Bribes.}
the Commissioners appointed within the seuerall
Diocesses of this Realme, haue receiued by them-
selues or other, of those persons which were in
trouble, apprehended, or imprisoned for Religi-
on.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, ⁴⁸
offices, or promotions, haue been wrongfully ^{Losse of}
taken away in y^e time of Queen Maries Raigne, ^{goods.}
from any person which fauoured the Religion
now set forth.

Item, how many persons for Religion haue ⁴⁹
died by fire, famine, or otherwise, or haue been ^{How many}
imprisoned for the same. ^{burnt.}

Item, that you make a true presentment of the ⁵⁰
number of all the persons which dyed within ^{Certificat of}
your Parishes, sithence the feast of St. John ^{the dead.}
the Baptist, which was in the yeare of our Lord
God A thousand five hundred fiftie and eight,
vnto the same feast last past, making therein a
plaine distinct declaration, how many men, wo-
men, and men childzen the same were, and the
names of the men.

Item, whether you knowe any man in your ⁵¹
^{B 2} parish ^{Secret}
^{spies.}

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Parish, secretly, or in vnlawfull conuenticles, say, or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the law.

52
False Rumors.
Vnlawfull
bookes.

Item, whether you knowe any person in your Parish, to be a slanderer of his neighbours, or a lover of discorde betweene partie and partie, man and wife, parents and their children, or that hath inuented, bruted, or set forth any rumours, false and seditious tales, slanders, or makers, bringers, buyers, sellers, keepers or conueyers of any vnlawfull bookes, which might stirre & prouoke sedition, or maintaine superstitious seruice within this Realme, or any ayders, counsaillers, procurers, or maintayners thereof.

53
Patrone.
Tithes.
Vacation.

Item, whether the Church of your Parish bee now vacant or no, who is the Patrone thereof, how long it hath bene vacant, who doth receiue the tithes, oblations, and other commodities, during the time of the vacation, and by what authority, and in what estate the sayde Church is at this time, and how long the Parson or Vicar hath had that Benefice.

54
Minstrels.

Item, whether any Minstrells, or any other persons doe vse to sing or say any songs, or Ditties that be vild or vncleane, and especially in derision of any godly order now set forth and established.

55
Letanie in
English.

Item, whether the Letanie in English with the

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the Epistle & Gospel which was by the Queenes highnesse proclamation willed to be read to the people, were put in vse in your Churches, and if not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curats and Ministers do ⁵⁶ leysurely, plainly, and distinctly read the publique ^{Distinct.} prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they ought to doe.

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